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## NEWS IN BRIEF.

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### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

It is evident that Gen. Stoezel sent a message to the rear and that it is thought best at St. Petersburg not to give it to the public verbatim. As for the Japs, they continue to say nothing but dig dirt with the greatest persistency.

The old mariner's idea of boat building has been verified. A Danish engineer recently built a vessel after the lines of Noah's ark, as laid down in the Bible. It made a craft of 20 tons. On October 30 it made a trial trip near Copenhagen, and proved a good sea boat.

China's minister in Paris is now an open advocate of Secretary Hay's policy of the open door in Manchuria. If the Hay proposition for international equality in trade privileges had been accepted there would be peace now in Manchuria instead of a desolating war.

It is reported that a congressional show remarkable evidence. In the New York building fire at the World's Fair, by an odd coincidence his name is Burnett. You might expect an iron from Stradivari, though of Alabamian birth from Burnett, never. In future he will doubtless be known as the Honorable Adelbert Burnett.

The struggle between the Free Kirk and the West Kirk is not the only trouble in Scotland at present. The Scots have been opposing Home Rule and passing a few laws. They are traitors because Edward VII of that land was an ancestor of the Queen of Scotland. He is also the King of Spain to begin with. So far, so good, as the Scots' conservative, monarchial and aristocratic propensities.

One of the most unusual fashions in New York is a "cigarette break," at which the men of ease indulge in smoking, cigars and chewing gum, tobacco pipes, baked beans baked apples with cream, cotton candy, hot fudge, candied pretzels, sausages, coffee, coffee and milk with maple syrup. The after-breakfast speech is expected to be brief, if not hasty and ethereal.

"No man in our affairs," says the strongest republican paper in Washington, "has ever been touched in defeat by a heavier expression of sympathy and admiration than Senator Cockrell. On all sides his approaching retirement from the senate is sincerely regretted. He has carried himself through a long period of service in that body so well that friend and foe alike have come to applaud him with one shout."

A cablegram from Berlin says the important news that the Swiss, Austrian and German sausage makers have arranged to hold an international sausage exhibition at Berlin next year, at which 1700 different sorts of sausages will be exhibited. The public was unaware there were so many sorts, but a Berlin authority says 2000 varieties have been discovered, emitting the mysterious kinds the composition of which is conjectural.

There seems a probability that the automobile speedster will be absent in the near future. A New York justice has declared that if he had his way they would not be allowed to ply upon the streets of New York. A Pittsburg justice has declared his intention of sending future transgressors to jail without the option of a fine. The Chicago park boards have also set their faces against this toy for growing up children, in fresh regulations that are about to come into effect.

Charles M. Schwab, the former president of the United States Steel corporation, says that he proposes to make the Bethlehem Steel Co. bear the same relation to this country as Krupp does to Germany and as Vickers Sons & Maxim and the Armstrongs do to England. Such a plant as Mr. Schwab has in mind would, it is believed, dominate the world's market for ordnance, armament and the highest steel products. It could turn out a complete battleship from keel to pentant.

Richard M. Scruggs, whose death occurred in St. Louis, recently, at the age of 82, was one of the foremost citizens of the World's fair city. He was a leader in business and philanthropy and leaves a record of an immense number of good works accomplished. The mercantile establishment of which he was one of the founders is among the most noted of its kind in the country. He was a leader in intelligently practical charitable work and long the president of the Provident association. For business acumen, benevolent activity and working real in religious affairs he had scarcely a superior.

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On the 24th Prince Saitama Fusimil, Japanese military hero and the military representative visitor to the United States and the World's fair, left St. Louis, for Philadelphia and other cities in the east.

The famous left by Dom Paul Kruger is estimated at \$12,000. A large part was requisitioned for the maintenance of the Dutch language.

The noted Welsh middle-distance runner, "Jimmy" Michael, died suddenly, on November 21, on board the French line steamer La Savoie, en route to the Orient.

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It is believed in Tokyo that important developments in the siege of Port Arthur are impending. The belief seems to be based mainly on the official reports of the successful progress of the sapping against the Er Lang, Sung Shu and Tong Kokwai forts.

On the 24th Otto Lowland, who killed George Geyer, a farmer, near Alton, Ill., was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary.

### CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Two bank burglars were fired on by citizens of Waukesha, Wis., on the 21st. The burglars had exploded one charge of dynamite on the heavy steel safe in the Farmers' state bank and were preparing to explode another when citizens who had been awakened opened fire upon them. The burglars returned the fire, and succeeded in escaping.

One man is dead, three are in a hospital suffering from burns and internal injuries, and several others are seriously hurt as the result of an explosion in the 21st in the general office of the Consolidated Gas Co., plant in West Forty-fourth street, New York City.

The British Foreign office has issued an English translation of the document signed at St. Petersburg last February, according to which Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, and Count Lamportoff, the Russian foreign minister,

signed conformably to Article IX, to XIV of The Hague convention of July 23, 1907, for the pacific settlement of international disputes, the task of elucidating by means of impartial and conscientious investigations, the questions of fact connected with the incident which occurred on the night of October 21, 1907, in the North sea on which occasion the firing of guns on the Russian fleet caused the loss of a boat and the death of two persons belonging to a British fishing fleet, as well as damage of some of those boats, the understandings being fully authenticated thereby, have agreed upon the following provisions:

### Sentenced for Perjury.

Joseph Gordon was convicted of perjury and given a sentence of seven years in the penitentiary, at Farmington, for swearing falsely in the McCarver murder trial last February. Gordon was the principal witness for McCarver, who has since been convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to hang January 5 next, for killing Harry Lott on November 14, 1907.

### Seriously Hurt in Football.

An Iron Mountain passenger train and a Cotton Belt freight collided head-on near Norman, and 20 persons were more or less injured, of whom the following sustained the most serious hurts: Harry Moesep, fireman, head hurt; O. Swink, engine conductor, face and head bruised; the Cotton Belt engineer, leg broken and severe bruises.

### Stoned Slayer to Death.

After having shot and probably fatally wounding Jane Burns, Tom Spurr, colored, was set upon and beaten to death with rods by brothers and companions of the woman at Medina. John Burns is held by the coroner's jury for killing his sister's assailant, and John and Sam Burns, brothers, and George Wright are held as accessories.

### Fulton Successor Dic.

R. M. Fulton, formerly in charge of the post office inspectors' department at Cincinnati, has assumed charge of the St. Louis department in the federal building. His successor George A. Dice, who recently died. His appointment to this office, it is said, is only temporary, or until final appointments have been made at Washington.

### Newark Murder Reward \$100.

For the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Lafayette Newark, who was killed at Mexico on the night of August 12, 1907, the Daughters of the American Revolution offers \$1,000, and Andrain county offers an additional \$100, making an aggregate of \$1200.

### Saved Patients, But Died Herself.

Miss May Butler, of Mexico, died of smallpox, contracted while nursing the family of Mr. S. McElroy, five of whom were suffering from the disease. Miss Butler volunteered her services as a nurse at the time the family was first stricken. Her patients all recovered.

### Kansas City Physician Sentenced.

In the United States court at Kansas City, Dr. C. E. Mathis, a well-known physician and head of a sanitarium, who pleaded guilty to sending imps to murder through the mail, was sentenced to serve one year in the state penitentiary.

### Former House Himself.

John Heggen, a prosperous farmer, five miles southwest of Kingston, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn. He had been mentally unbalanced since July, when he accidentally shot himself while getting out of a buggy with a shotgun.

### Heggen Himself in Wife's Presence.

Because his wife would not live with him, Albert Chittum, a farmer, who resided near Care Spring, committed suicide by taking cyanide. Chittum swallowed the poison and died in his wife's presence. He had been married but four months.

### Another Man's Burns Fatal.

Perry Loeffelholz, an insane man from Gerald, Franklin county, who set fire to his bedding and clothing in the holdover at Jefferson City, was so badly burned that he died at the hospital for the insane at Fulton.

### Gas Explosion Injures Boy.

Henry Sprague, a son of John Sprague, near Marion, was severely injured by the explosion of a shotgun. His face being badly hurt. Some of the gun metal entered his arm, which may have to be amputated.

### A Fatal Runaway.

James Martin, a teamster near New Franklin, was killed in a runaway. His team became frightened at a train, and he was thrown against a telephone pole.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### Charged With Awful Crime.

George W. Gay and his son, Lester Gay, were arrested at the entrance to the cemetery, near Arney, on the charge of murdering Mrs. George Gay, wife and mother of the prisoners. The woman's throat was cut, and the father and son claimed to have found her dead upon returning from the field for dinner. Her body had just been interred when the sheriff from St. Joseph made the arrests.

### Hayde Was Insane.

An inquest was held in Kansas City to determine whether W. F. Hayde, county license inspector, who committed suicide, was insane when he committed the deed. After hearing the testimony of witnesses who had known Hayde well, the coroner's jury decided that he had been mentally unbalanced for several months previous to his death, and that he was insane when he shot himself.

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### Another Football Fatality.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 28.—Calvin Farmer, of Sac City, Ia., 17 years old, is dead as the result of injuries received in a game with the team from Lake City on Thanksgiving day. The lad was playing left half back and was thrown while carrying the ball, injuring his stomach. Peritonitis later developed, and the sickness resulted

### Free Lands in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 28.—A project for applying the American scheme of free land for settlers in Siberia, in order to attract colonization from the congested districts of European Russia, is attracting much favorable comment. The plan as proposed follows closely the American homestead system.

## WILL SETTLE THE NORTH SEA AFFAIR

### Translation of Russo-British Declaration Made Public.

## AMERICAN ON COMMISSION

Impression Prevails That Admiral George Dewey Will Be Asked to Be the American Representative on the Commission.

London, Nov. 28.—The foreign office has issued the following English translation of the declaration signed at St. Petersburg by Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, and Count Lamportoff, the Russian foreign minister.

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### Provisions of the Agreement.

Article I. The international commission of inquiry shall be composed of five members commissioners, of whom two shall be officers of high rank in the British and imperial Russian navies respectively. The governments of France and of the United States shall each be required to select one of their naval officers of high rank as a member of the commission. The fifth member shall be chosen by agreement between the four members above mentioned; in the event of no agreement being arrived between the four commissioners as to the election of the fifth member of commission, his imperial and royal majesty, the emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, will be invited to select him. Each of the two high contracting parties shall likewise appoint a legal adviser to advise the commissioners, and an agent entirely empowered to take part in the labors of the commission.

### Article II. The commission shall inquire into and report on all circumstances relative to the North sea incident, and particularly on the question as to where the responsibility lies, and the degree of blame attaching to subjects of the two high contracting parties in the event of their responsibility being established by the inquiry.

Article III. The commission shall settle the details of procedure which will follow for the purpose of accomplishing the task with which it has been entrusted.

Article IV. The two high contracting parties undertake to supply the commission to the amount of their ability, with all the means and facilities necessary in order to be able to acquaint itself thoroughly with and appreciate correctly the matters in dispute.

Article V. The commission shall assemble in Paris as soon as possible after the signature of this agreement.

Article VI. The commission shall present its report to the two high contracting parties named by all the members of the commission.

Article VII. The commission shall take all its decisions by a majority of the votes of the five commissioners.

Article VIII. The two high contracting parties undertake each to bear on reciprocal terms the expense of the inquiry made by it previous to the assembly of the commission, the expense incurred by the international commission after the date of its assembly in organizing its staff and conducting the investigations which it will have to make, shall be equally shared by the two governments.

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